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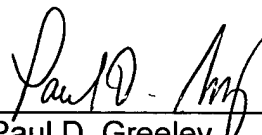
Claims 1-17 are in the present application.

Claims 1-17 have been amended to conform the U.S. patent practice and  
5 procedures, particularly regarding informalities and matters of form. No new  
matter has been added to the application as a result of the amendments  
submitted herein.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1-17 are patentable and allowance  
10 of claims 1-17 earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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